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- 1. The Albanian Army, which numbers about 40,000 men, is now organized into eight Divisions, each of which includes three brigades. Each brigade has an artillery unit, under an independent command. The Chief of the artillery headquarters is Col. Sefket Petsi.
- 2. The artillery brigades are based in Tirana, Tepeleni, and Korce. During the winter, however, they are all based in Tirana. There is a total of 22 heavy pieces of artillery, of which 16 are of Soviet manufacture. The rest are Italian and German. There are 38 pieces of mountain artillery of Italian, German and Soviet make. The Soviet heavy pieces have a range of 10 to 12 kilometers; each projectile weighs 17 kilograms.
- 3. Each brigade includes three battalions. Each battalion includes five companies, of which three are infantry, one artillery, and one of mortars. Each co pany includes three platoons, and each platoon consists of three squads of ten men each.
- Each battalion is equipped with six mortars, of which three are heavy and three light, and six heavy machine guns.
- 5. At the base of the battalion, which is located in the interior and at a considerable distance from the border, there are two heavy mortars.
- The Albanian Air Force now includes a total of seven airplanes.
- The mechanized armored forces of Albania include nine small tanks and seven armored cars.
- 8. Each border guard-pose numbers 30 men when at full strength. supplied with six sub-machine guns.

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